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Prof Wegulo's teaching and research interests have centred on the nexus and relations between geography and development. He has taught courses in economic and human geography, geography of resources, rural and regional development, and research methods to both undergraduate and postgraduate students. He has successfully supervised well over a dozen MA and half a dozen Ph.D students in geography and related social science disciplines. He is currently an external examiner at several local and regional universities. In addition to examining undergraduates' performance in geography and environment related courses in these universities, Prof Wegulo has also served as an external examiner of many MA and Ph.D theses, and dissertations.

Prof Wegulo has won several grants from among others, The Rockefeller Foundation to conduct PhD research, and post-doctoral research. Currently he serves as the lead scientist on two projects which seek to examine issues of sustainable development through assessing the links between land use, food security, and livelihoods; and empowerment of farmers via soil fertility/soil and water conservation, within the Lake Victoria Basin. These projects have been funded respectively by SIDA/SAREC, and the Kenya Government.

Wegulo has published several reputable papers and chapters in books in economic/human geography and research methods. Currently he is involved in editing a manuscript on a modern Geography of Africa.

Between 1998 and 2008, Prof Wegulo served as an administrator (Egerton University), 1998-199 – Director of the School of Continuing Education, 1999-2006 – Director Board of Undergraduate Studies, and 2006- 2008 – Director, College of Open and Distance Learning.